

SENATE JUDICIARY

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To: Montana Senate Judiciary Committee

From: David B. Roberts, MD, FACOG

RE: Testimony in support of HB587

To allow a physician, or any medical provider, to prescribe an abortion medication of any type without examining a patient and doing an ultrasound study would be to legislate in favor of malpractice. The recommendations in the medical literature and the policy of abortion clinics is that mifepristone and misoprostol for abortion be limited to patients between 6 and 9 weeks of gestation. That can only be determined accurately by doing a pelvic examination and an ultrasound study. To allow those drugs to be prescribed without an examination would be wrong by any standard of good medical practice.

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